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Dear members

The first question regarding DESC's proposed rate increase is: Did Dominion Energy enter this situation "eyes closed or eyes wide open"? Had DESC executed due diligence before purchasing SCE&G; these "needs" would not exist. Examples of this are listed below.

DESC wants to establish a vegetation management accrual:

This is a cost of power companies doing business as was done by SCE&G.

Cleaning/clearing power line right of ways is and has been a cost of doing business and should not be new to DESC. In addition, an accrual has ongoing increases. Using the word "accrual" implies ongoing never ending increases.

Restore collection of Storm Damage Reserve:

This also should have been recognized had DESC done proper due diligence. Storm damage is nothing new in South Carolina and historical information was available for DESC study.

Make certain changes in General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service:

Exactly what is "certain changes"? What are the impacts on the utility, the rate payer and the renewable developers? "Certain changes" is too open ended. Sounds like SCE&G under a new name.

Discontinue an experimental commercial rate;

If proper due diligence was executed there would not be a need for "experimental" anything.

Update Standards for Residential Rate 6:

Referring DESC letter dated November 24, 2020 to Mr. David Butler of SCPSC. DESC stated: "the Company had less than 18 hours from receipt of Order No. 2020-777 to prepare the required Notice and provide it to the printer to ensure that the Notice was provided to the Company's customers no later than the Commission ordered deadline of December 1, 2020".

That has still not happened. This request is way too vague.

Demand Side Management rate reduction:

Agree.

Discontinue Tax Rider to return tax savings to customers;

This amounts to increased earnings for DESC that is not earned(something for nothing). Again, something to improve their bottom line.

The KILLER for this request is this part of DESC's request:

DESC requests if the evidence presented in the hearings and other proceedings so allows, it be permitted to implement rates that differ and/or exceed those set forth in the Application. DESC requests that the proposed increase be effective for bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of March, 2021. "...that differ and/or exceed those set forth in the Application". What? That is nothing more than giving DESC full control without accountability.

In light of the number of businesses going out of business and the number of businesses truly suffering from mandated shutdowns; this it not the time for South Carolinians to face more calamity.

Thank you and have a great day,



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